

THREE YEARS AFTER THE BAY OF PIGS, HERE IS THE FIRST FULLY DOCUMENTED STORY OF A KEY EVENT IN THAT DISASTER: THE ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE CASTRO

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This week will mark the anniversary of the ill-fated disaster at the Bay of Pigs. It is exactly three years since Fidel Castro's regime threw back an exile-manned, U.S.-supported attempt to invade Cuba.

The story of that debacle has been repeatedly discussed since. It has been the subject of Congressional and executive investigations and of partisan political recrimination.

Yet one of the most important details of that Cuban defeat has not previously been revealed. It is an event that may have been the whole key to the Bay of Pigs tragedy, and its occurrence—or failure to occur—had a profound effect on the invasion itself and on subsequent history. And although it has not publicly been acknowledged, long and painstaking investigation by this reporter has documented this event.

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